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Aloha South Maui CPAC,

I don't understand how this happened; I can only guess. How is it possible that for ten years the community has consistently opposed filling in the Kulanihakoi drainage only to discover that two weeks ago the egregious "Mega Mall site" had once again been put back on the map? Instead of the needfully, appropriately designated Residential area? Ten years of hard-won courageous efforts by so many, so easily undone with the flick of a pen? The environmental damage is incalculable. So too, the danger and misery for area residents. And not just immediate neighbors like me - the entire Kihei/Wailea/Makena community, as the only navigable corridor connecting them will be severely compromised. This means the entire South Maui tourism trade, which will swell massively since the Lahaina fire as visitors are encouraged to head south (as well as north, central, and upcountry - but the bulk of it will shift here) and we have been overburdened by tourist traffic and crowding for years.

As it is, an area beset by drought year and year is then flooded and heavily muddied preventing passage every time there's a decent rainfall, due to lack of drainage. And due as well to the destruction of precious wetlands that protected and balanced this environment for centuries.

I live in the tight land space between Pi'ilani Highway and South Kihei Road just off KulaniHakoi, and we are beset by what should not be natural disasters. Yet developers and their partners-in-crime political appointees, bureaucrats, and elected officials continue doing their best to make it so. Greed seems to know no bounds. This will be a double nightmare - 'Small Town Center' and Kihei Mauka - if allowed to come to pass.

Please don't let this happen.

Urgently,

Madolin Wells, Kihei